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SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" How many students were admitted during 1953–54 and how many of them completed their training successfully? May I know whether they have since been suitably employed? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Two batches of candidates numbering 48 were trained during the year 1953–54. In addition, seven Veterinary Assistant Surgeons underwent training during the period. In 1954–55, two batches one consisting of 18 butchers and 15 amateurs and a second batch consisting of one butcher and 26 amateurs have been trained; a third batch consisting of one butcher and 20 amateurs is under training in the school."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, generally the higher class people do not take to such a profession. In order that they may also be trained, will the Government hold out inducements for them, so that there may be a feeling of equality between communities? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, Government do offer stipends. They cannot discriminate between the higher and lower classes. I may tell the hon. Member that apart from professional butchers others also take to this training and take to the profession of butchers."

Resident Medical Officer, Tiruchirappalli

* 1247 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any sanctioned post of Resident Medical Officer in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There is no sanctioned post of Resident Medical Officer in the hospital, but one of the Assistant Surgeons of the hospital is designated as Resident Medical Officer and is discharging the duties of the Resident Medical Officer."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, for the post of Resident Medical Officer, is any special skill or special qualification necessary? If not, why in this big hospital, there is no sanctioned post? What is the qualification of the person who now acts as Resident Medical Officer and who is in charge of the duties of the Resident Medical Officer? What is his scale of pay? Is any additional remuneration paid for discharging these duties? Does he do duty all the 24 hours? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Only District Headquarters Hospitals with a bed strength of over 350 are given the separate post of a Resident Medical Officer. Here, one of

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the Assistant Surgeons is doing this work of Resident Medical Officer. He is given a place for residence within the premises of the hospital. He has just the ordinary qualifications required for an Assistant Surgeon."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Am I to understand that the average number of in-patients in the Tiruchirappalli hospital is less than 350? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is not the average number of in-patients but the sanctioned bed strength which is 275."

Kangayam Cattle Improvement Scheme

* 1248 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend the period of the Kangayam Cattle Improvement Scheme beyond 31st March 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The scheme has already been extended up to 31st March 1957."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 *RE* CLOSURE OF WIMCO AT DHARMATAM, NORTH MALABAR.

9-20 a.m. * SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, the motion is ' the closure of Wimco at Dharmatam, near Tellicherry, North Malabar, on 1st January 1955 in violation of section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, and the failure of the Government to intervene and take steps against the management for the illegal closure of the company and also for the reinstatement of workers thrown out of employment consequently '.

" Sir, the closure of the company took place on January 1, 1955. As a result of this 240 workers including the staff are unemployed. Sir, regarding this company, there are cases pending before the Appellate Tribunal and the Coimbatore Industrial Tribunal. According to the Appellate Tribunal Act and Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, if any case is pending before the Court, the management cannot close the factory without the permission of the Court. In this connexion, I wish to state, the management never took permission from the Court. So the closure is illegal. This kind of illegal closure is very common in Malabar and also I have to state that the Government is not taking any steps against these kinds of illegal closure. Further, before such a closure, it is the duty of the management to give prior notice to the workers. On January 1, 1955, the factory was closed; on December 31, in the morning . . ."